

Hawai'i Coalition for Dads

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June was Father's Month in Hawai'i

HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS events

Hawai'i Coalition for Dads' 8th Annual CELEBRATE FATHERS events were held on Saturday, June 10th at Pearlridge Uptown and Saturday, June 17th at Windward Mall in Kaneohe. These events celebrated "June is Father's Month," as proclaimed in ceremonies by Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor Duke Aiona, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, and the Honolulu City Council.

HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS events included Father-Child Look-Alike Contests, face painting, magic, fun games and activities, entertainment, prizes, and information booths for dads, kids, and families. HCD holds these events each year to motivate, inspire, reach out to, and thank the important dads and all special father-figures in the lives of Hawai'i's children and adolescents.



Pearlridge Father-Child Look-Alike Contest winners Rudy Aggasid, Jr. & Rudy, III (& mom Noreen) with HCD crew Alan Sunio, Chet Adessa, and Dan Yahata.

Entertainers at **Pearlridge** included Son Caribe, Country Dancers of Hawaii, and Confetti the Clown; and at **Windward Mall**, Any Kine Ohana, and Adventure Balloons balloon figures.

HCD's **Father-Child Look-Alike Contests** attracted 27 fathers-child entrants at Pearlridge and 37 fathers-child entrants at Windward Mall (*there were also 14 entrants at the Kalihi Sunset in the Park's Father-Keiki Look-Alike Contest on Father's Day, June 18th*).

HCD partnered with the National

Fatherhood Initiative (NFI) to reward hundreds of dads who were nurturing their keiki at Pearlridge, Windward Mall, and the Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange with a **Golden Dads gift bags**—including NFI's *Directions for Dads™* CD, a *Golden Dads* button, and other local and national fatherhood materials. On Father's Day weekend NFI's 2006 Golden Dads Campaign honored 20,000 fathers in malls, zoos, and parks in 20 cities across the country (see fatherhood.org).

Family-friendly activities and information were provided by the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, PACT/Hana Like & Early Head Start/Head Start, Good Beginnings Alliance, Hawaii Psychological Assn., HCAP Head Start, Kathy's Parenting Solutions, Kaneohe Community Family Center, Parents Without Partners, Prudential Locations Foundation, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center-Kaneohe, The Hobby Company, and The Institute For Family Enrichment.

HCD's CELEBRATE FATHERS events this June were supported by a grant from the **HMSA Foundation**.



Windward Mall Father-Child Look-Alike Contest Winners: Christopher Soriano, Jr. & Christopher, III.

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Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood & Hawai'i Coalition for Dads**1st Annual STATEWIDE Hawai'i Fatherhood Conference**

More than 200 fathers and family service professionals attended the State Commission on Fatherhood's 1st Annual Statewide Hawai'i "Inspiring Fathers" Fatherhood Conference—on Thursday, April 6th at the Radisson Waikiki Prince Kuhio.

Hawai'i Lt. Governor James "Duke" Aiona and Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland launched the conference with their inspiring messages on the importance of involved fathers in all our families.



George Williams
*National Center
for Fathering*

Keynoter **George Williams** from the National Center for Fathering (fathers.com) presented the Center's Urban Father-Child Partnership efforts to address the diverse and complex needs of fathers and families in the inner city, where father absence is prevalent and tied to negative outcomes for children. His description of Father Courts moved Lt. Gov. Aiona to seek more information about whether Father Courts could be beneficial for Hawai'i's fathers and families.

Conferees welcomed **Mike DeMattos'** (University of Hawaii [UH] School of Social Work) overview of the *Changing Roles and Responsibilities of Fathers*; **Larry Ursua's** (West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative) description of *Hawaiian Cultural Influences on Fatherhood*; and **Sylvia Yuen's** (UH Center on the Family) discussion of the *Impact of Fathers' Presence and Parenting Style on Child Development*.

Highlights of *Strategies to Engage and Support Fathers in Programs, Schools, and Prisons* were presented by the **Chet Adessa** (Navy Fleet & Family Support Center), **Diana Tabangay** (Good Beginnings Alliance), **Tom Naki** (The Institute for Family Enrichment), **Andy Wiegand** (State Department of Education), **Kauila Ho** (West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative), **Jesse Lipman** (PACT/Hana Like Hui Makuakane), and **Ho'o Wong** (PACT/Early Head Start/Head Start).

An summary of the *Impact of State Strategies and Policies on Fatherhood* was given by **Myrna Murdoch** and **Tom Marzec** (Children's Rights Council of Hawaii), **Greg Farstrup** and **Michael Kramer** (Hawai'i State Commission on Fatherhood), and **Henry Oliva** (State Department of Human Services).

SCF's first **Outstanding Father Award** was presented to **Saul Kahihikolo, Jr.**, a Lana'i stay-at-home father. In 2003 Saul and his wife decided that he would leave his job as a manager for Lana'i Company to be at home and raise their infant daughter. More dads are making this decision, which provides benefits for the child, father, mother, and family because fathers are more involved with their children than they have been traditionally. Saul continues his volunteer work with other children as coach for the Hui Wa'a O Lana'i Canoe Club and with his church's youth group.

SCF's first **Father Program Award** was presented to **Tom Naki** and **The Institute for Family Enrichment** for their Hawaiian cultural adaptation and promotion of the 13-week Nurturing Fathers program in Hawai'i.

Throughout the day conferees browsed the **Fatherhood Resource Marketplace** where the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, Children's Rights Council of Hawaii, Discovery Toys, Hawaii Psychological Assn., Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund, Navy Fleet and Family Support Center, PACT/Early Head Start/Head Start, TIFFE, Waikiki Health Center, and West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative displayed their resources. **Channing-Bete**—a leading national publisher of health and family education materials—donated packets of their fatherhood skills-building materials for each conferee's personal and professional use.

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**Lt. Governor
Duke Aiona**

West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative**2nd Annual West Hawai'i Celebration of Fatherhood**

The 2nd Annual Celebration of Fatherhood Conference in West Hawai'i inspired 100 people on Saturday, April 1st at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort in Kailua-Kona on the Big Island of Hawai'i.

Hosted by the West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative (WHFI), a program of Family Support Services of West Hawai'i, the event brought together fathers, families, and social service programs which support men to honor, celebrate, and challenge themselves to embrace their role as nurturing, responsible fathers.

Featured speakers and workshops highlighted the unique qualities, issues, and needs of fathers and coalesced energy to support them as they step up to the most important and challenging phase of their lives as parents.



Hawai'i County Councilman **Angel Pilago** and **Billy Kenoi** from the Mayor's office emphasized the importance of reaching out to Native Hawaiian fathers. "If we can help just one brother," Billy Kenoi said, "imagine how that'll impact dozens of people in his 'ohana."

Wally Lau of the Neighborhood Place of Kona shared insights on *ho'oponopono* and how Hawaiian cultural values are used to focus fathers on their role as their child's first teacher and the important responsibility they have in role modeling proper values and behaviors. Participants were introduced to a series of values that act as a guide for every day living.

Judge **John Olson** gave a workshop on some of the major legal issues facing fathers, such as child custody, child support, paternity, and domestic violence. He stressed the importance of men seeking help before it is required of them by the courts and shared resources available to fathers on these issues.

Polynesian Navigator **Chad Babayan**, **Stone Wolfson** (Healthy Start); **David Saindon** (Turning Points for Families); **Kaleo Pilago** (Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwī in Hilo); **Douglass Bartlett** (Kona Assertive Parenting Association); and **Duke Giron**, **Larry Ursua**, and **Kauila Ho** (WHFI fathers and staff) also presented fatherhood sessions and workshops.

At the end of their day, conference participants spoke eloquently about the wisdom they gained from this fatherhood event and how they would apply what they learned in their own lives. Many spoke of the value of receiving support to be knowledgeable and dependable fathers, of being inspired by powerful male role models, and of learning more about child development and effective parenting strategies.

The free-for-fathers event, co-sponsored by the Neighborhood Place of Kona, was supported by a grant from the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund. For information on the conference contact the West Hawai'i Fatherhood Initiative at 334-4154 (fsswh.org).

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The most important career and life decision you will ever make

How a woman can “have it all”

If you're a woman who wants to “have it all”—a successful career, a satisfying marriage, and happy, healthy children—here's how. **Marry a man who's happy to raise the children while you raise the money.**

“What do men of any age need to change? When I did the research for *Why Men Are The Way They Are*,” says Dr. Warren Farrell, “I discovered that the key question for most men is ‘Will you respect me on payday?’ If he feels you value his time with the children more than his paycheck, he makes a shift; his assumption that he must earn more often evaporates almost as quickly as your assumption that he must earn more.

“Many men's motivation to be a full-time dad involves becoming a different dad than their dad had the opportunity to be. Younger men have often grown up without Dad (raised by single moms), and older men with minimal Dad. Mid-career men, often burned out with work, sometimes need to see just one successful person take parental leave to be inspired to do the same.

“Single women often fear that the men they are going out with wouldn't be comfortable with less career and more child. Perhaps. If a woman selects for a man with a lot of career ambition, she'll get what she selected.

“The Solution? Choose among men who would love to be married to a career woman who valued his being home full-time with the children for a few years. Can't find these men? State your interest on your Match.com profile....**You'll be surprised....such men are all over the place, waiting to be wanted.**”

From *Why Men Earn More: The Startling Truth Behind the Pay Gap—and What Women Can Do About It*, Warren Farrell, Ph.D., 2005, p. 83.

T-Shirt @ National Fatherhood Initiative

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Dad is a Verb!

Tell the world how important fathers are with this sporty baseball t-shirt!

Based on one of the National Fatherhood Initiative's successful Public Service Announcements, the front asks ***Have you been a dad today?*** and the back is a reminder that ***Dad is a Verb*** (action word).



*Dad is a verb, like catch and hug and listen.
It is not just something you are, it is something you do,
like laugh and read and play.
Are you doing anything more important?
Have you been a dad today?*

Get your t-shirt @ fatherhood.org.

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From New American Dream

“Tips for Parenting in a Commercial Culture”

Check out “Tips for Parenting in a Commercial Culture.”

The booklet contains loads of practical, hands-on tips for parents on how to raise healthy children in our highly commercial culture. It also offers a careful examination of the harmful effects of excessive commercialism on kids and some wonderful insights from children across the country about what they really want that money can't buy.

This booklet was written to help Americans consume wisely for a better world. In a society often fixated on “more,” it focuses on more of what matters—a cleaner environment, a higher quality of life, and a greater commitment to justice. A key part of that focus is helping parents and caregivers raise healthy, happy children—children with strong values, a sense of community, and meaningful connections to the natural world.

The “Tips...” booklet is available for free download @ newdream.org/cnad/user/download.php.

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Compassion Capitol—Hawai'i Moving Forward Project**HCD receives strategic planning grant**

Parents And Children Together has been awarded a 1-year, \$14,095 strategic planning grant by the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) to help the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads prepare a short- and long-range strategic plan based on its clarified structure, governance, and resource development needs.

HCD is participating in the Compassion Capitol Fellows Program, a partnership among HCF, the University of Hawai'i Center on the Family, and Hawaiian Island Ministries.

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Take a free Father Friendly assessment!**Father Friendly Check-Up™ for Business** (fatherhood.org/checkup.asp)

This on-line survey will help you assess the degree to which your business' operations include helping fathers find a successful balance between the demands of their jobs and the commitments to their families.

Did you know that 7 out of 10 fathers say they would take a pay cut if it meant they could have more time with their families? This shows that fathers, like mothers, are looking for new ways to balance work and family. This on-line assessment tool is designed to help the dads in your company!

Father Friendly Check-Up™ for Social Services and Programs (fatherhood.org/checkup_social.asp) and **Father Friendly Check-Up™ for Head Starts** (fatherhood.org/Headstart.asp)

These on-line assessment tools will help you assess the degree to which your organization's or Head Start's operations encourage father involvement in the activities and programs offered by your organization. Father involvement is critical for your organization in many ways.

First, both fathers and mothers bring unique skills to the parenting process and, together, enhance the development of their infants and preschoolers. With young children, fathers tend to engage their children in physical and stimulating play activities, whereas mothers tend to spend more time in routine caregiving activities. Fathers have also been found to promote their children's intellectual development and social character through physical play, whereas mothers do so through verbal expressions and teaching activities.

Second, by helping dads become more involved, responsible, and committed, they will be more likely to get involved in their child's education and help your organization increase parent involvement, volunteer hours, and strengthen the families you work with.

Third, an involved, responsible and committed dad helps both parents juggle the needs of their children and family with their work-related responsibilities.

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Support the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads.

Help promote involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood in Hawai'i.

☐ Please keep me informed about the activities of the Hawai'i Coalition for Dads.

☐ I would like to volunteer to help; contact me.

☐ Here is my contribution. \$ _____

~ Your donations are tax-deductible. ~

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GOALS:

1. To increase community awareness about fatherhood.
2. To promote the availability and accessibility of quality, father-centered community resources.
3. To advocate for informed public policy regarding fatherhood.
4. To strengthen community collaboration in support of fatherhood.
5. To respect and honor everyone's unique role in children's lives.

The Hawai'i Coalition for Dads, with funding from the HMSA Foundation under the umbrella of Parents And Children Together (PACT), is a group of individuals and organizations (including *Alu Like, eventions, inc., Family Support Services of West Hawai'i, Good Beginnings Alliance, Head Start agencies, Kamehameha Schools, Kathy's Parenting Solutions, Mediation Center of Molokai, PACT Hana Like Home Visitor Program, PARENTS, Navy Fleet & Family Support Center, State Commission on Fatherhood, and The Institute For Family Enrichment*) that shares information about services to fathers and promotes involved, nurturing, responsible fatherhood.

Fatherhood & Family Resources

1. **Hilo**: Hawaii Island YWCA (Healthy Start) (961-3877)
2. **Kailua-Kona**: Family Support Services of West Hawai'i (326-7778; fsswh.org)
3. **Kaua'i**: Nana's Place/Child and Family Service (338-0252; cfs-hawaii.org)
4. **Maui**: Maui Economic Opportunity (Head Start; BEST Reintegration Program (249-2990; meo.org))
5. **Molokai**: Mediation Center of Molokai (553-3844)
- Oahu (and statewide):**
6. TIFFE (Nurturing Fathers; Playgroups) (596-8433; tiffe.org)
7. PACT (Family Centers; Hana Like; Head Start; Family Peace Center) (847-3285; pacthawaii.org)
8. Navy Fleet & Family Support Center (Boot Camp For New Dads) (473-4222; greatlifeohawaii.com)
9. PARENTS (Confident Parenting Classes) (235-0488);
10. Kathy's Parenting Solutions (352-3303)
11. The Baby Hui (groups for Dads, and Moms) (735-2484; thebabyhui.org)
12. The Parent Line (Info & Referral) (526-1222; theparentline.org)
13. AUW – 211 (auw.org/211)
14. HPIRG (HI Parental Information & Resource Centers) (841-6177; hawaiiipirc.org)
15. Dept. of Ed. Family Support (PCNC; R.E.A.L.; PEI) (State office: 735-8250; sssb.k12.hi.us)
16. SPIN (Special Parent Information Network) (586-8126; spinhawaii.org)
17. Big Brothers Big Sisters (support for single dads and moms) (521-3811; bigshonolulu.org)
18. Good Beginnings Alliance (Playgroups) (531-5502; goodbeginnings.org)
19. Tutu and Me (traveling preschool for Hawaiian families) (524-7633; tutuandme.org)
20. Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center (Hawaiian families) (847-1302; qlcc.org)
21. ALU LIKE (Hawaiian families) (535-6700; alulike.org)

Religious resources: Contact your place of worship...church, temple, synagogue

Internet Resources (check on their "Links," too):

1. **mr.dad** (mrdad.com)
2. **fathers.com** (fathers.com)
3. **Boot Camp For New Dads** (newdads.com)
4. **National Fatherhood Initiative** (fatherhood.org)
5. **Dad at a Distance** (daads.com)